

PRICES RECEIVED BY FAMERS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices Apr. 2006 ^{9/}
		Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	
		-dollars-			-dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	2.86	3.24	3.12	3.27	3.82	3.91	10.50
Corn	Bu.	2.24	2.37	2.42	2.00	2.06	2.11	7.78
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.88	1.60	1.73	2.26	2.71	2.67	7.27
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	90.00	91.50	90.50	99.40	97.10	106.10	—
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	140.00	135.00	140.00	105.00	100.00	110.00	—
Other 3/	Ton	82.00	86.00	84.00	81.60	88.60	93.20	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	—
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	.180	.179	.176	.684
Soybeans	Bu.	5.95	5.67	5.49	6.03	5.57	5.39	17.20
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	--	.260	--	.173	.256	.247	.528
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	6.20	8.21	8.66	16.10
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	93.00	75.80	77.30	93.70	88.10	85.20	193.00
Cows	Cwt.	52.80	44.40	43.50	57.00	49.50	48.70	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	105.00	87.40	87.40	98.10	93.00	89.70	—
Calves	Cwt.	132.00	123.00	119.00	141.00	138.00	136.00	268.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	51.10	42.80	39.10	117.00
Milk: All, wholesale 4/ 8/	Cwt.	16.20	15.60	14.40	15.20	12.60	12.10	38.50
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	16.20	15.60	14.40	15.20	12.60	12.20	—
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	--	--	--	14.70	11.50	11.40	—
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Cwt.	.29	.54	.41	.268	.499	.318	1.78
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.440	.370	.340	—
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.388	.403	.429	1.090

— No sales indicated. ^{1/} Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. ^{2/} Parity price is for All Wheat. ^{3/} All prices are mid-month. ^{4/} Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ^{5/} Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. ^{6/} Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. ^{7/} Discontinued. ^{8/} Fat test percent: all milk 3.68, fluid milk 3.67, mfg. grade 3.96. ^{9/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived by dividing the average of 10 seasons average prices 1996–2005, including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations, by 716 percent (120-month, Jan 1996–Dec2005 average of the index of prices received by farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.

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VIRGINIA’S WHEAT PRODUCERS EXPECT LOWER YIELDS

The 2006 wheat crop is expected to total nearly 9.52 million bushels, according to the initial season forecast just released by the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, production will be down 6 percent from 2005 and 4 percent below the 9.90 million bushels produced in 2004. Producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 170,000 acres of wheat that will yield an average of 56 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from the previous year. The majority of the wheat crop is in fair to good condition.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 10 PERCENT

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.32 billion bushels, down 12 percent from 2005. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.4 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, down 8 percent from last season.

WHOLESALE VALUE OF FLORICULTURE SALES, 2004-2005

TYPES	Virginia		United States ^{1/2/}	
	2004*	2005	2004*	2005
	-thousand dollars-		-thousand dollars-	
Growers With \$100,000+				
Cut Flowers	852	810	412,431	396,693
Cultivated Greens	--	--	102,976	104,667
Potted Flowering Plants	23,759	23,354	800,535	808,941
Foliage Plants	1,469	932	685,264	721,049
Bedding/Garden Plant	54,709	55,017	2,555,662	2,613,226
TOTAL	80,789	80,113	4,556,868	4,644,576
TOTAL ALL GROWERS ^{3/}	87,980	87,378	5,284,643	5,363,021

* Revised. -- No sales indicated. ^{1/} Represents growers in 36 states. ^{2/} Total does not include unpublished states. ^{3/} Wholesale value of sales as reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops plus a calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below \$100,000. The value of sales for growers below the \$100,000 level were estimated by multiplying the number of growers in each size group by the midpoint of each dollar value range.

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MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, VIRGINIA, 2000-2005

	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Cattle and Calves							
On Hand First of Year	thous.	1,600	1,650	1,650	1,630	1,540	1,640
Births	thous.	710	720	730	710	720	760
Inshipments	thous.	14	14	14	12	12	12
Marketings ^{1/}	thous.	594	651	678	729	552	634
Farm Slaughter ^{2/}	thous.	5	5	5	5	5	5
Deaths	thous.	75	78	81	78	75	83
Production ^{3/}	thous. lbs.	493,556	518,291	520,845	430,293	465,832	495,781
Marketings ^{4/}	thous. lbs.	441,100	512,550	524,585	505,680	380,880	441,140
Average Price Per 100 Lbs.							
Cattle	dollars	66.20	65.60	59.10	63.80	79.20	84.80
Calves	dollars	100.00	91.50	81.40	87.10	109.00	122.00
Cash Receipts ^{5/}	thous. dols.	309,449	349,753	322,332	339,260	317,677	401,072
Value of Home Use	thous. dols.	11,066	11,021	9,763	10,216	13,901	14,620
Gross Income ^{6/}	thous. dols.	320,515	360,774	332,095	349,476	331,578	415,692
Hogs and Pigs							
On Hand First of Year ^{7/}	thous.	370	425	415	400	380	375
Births	thous.	598	494	548	572	556	544
Inshipments	thous.	15	15	15	20	60	50
Marketings ^{1/}	thous.	482	467	544	573	579	429
Farm Slaughter ^{2/}	thous.	2	2	2	2	2	2
Deaths	thous.	74	50	32	37	40	48
Production ^{3/}	thous. lbs.	130,164	119,416	138,513	148,638	139,296	119,998
Marketings ^{4/}	thous. lbs.	120,317	118,772	138,792	146,332	144,850	105,388
Average Price Per 100 Lbs.	dollars	42.2	40.5	31.9	35	46.6	46.6
Cash Receipts ^{5/}	thous. lbs.	48,431	48,155	44,326	51,261	67,602	49,335
Value of Home Use	thous. lbs.	1,269	1,267	911	950	1,247	1,135
Gross Income ^{6/}	thous. lbs.	49,700	49,422	45,237	52,211	68,849	50,470
Sheep and Lambs							
On Hand First of Year	thous.	61	61	59	62	55	61
Births	thous.	49	50	55	43	47	49
Inshipments	thous.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marketings ^{1/}	thous.	38.5	41.5	41.5	40.0	31.0	30.0
Farm Slaughter ^{2/}	thous.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deaths	thous.	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.0	10.0	13.0
Production ^{3/}	thous. lbs.	4,153	4,154	4,648	3,459	3,856	3,793
Marketings ^{4/}	thous. lbs.	4,138	4,163	4,140	4,283	3,113	2,945
Average Price Per 100 lbs.							
Sheep	dollars	30.20	38.50	26.80	32.20	42.80	42.90
Lambs	dollars	84.00	80.60	80.60	93.00	101.00	108.00
Cash Receipts ^{5/}	thous. dols.	3,085	3,202	3,181	3,233	2,933	3,086
Value of Home Consumption	thous. dols.	185	166	164	188	206	219
Gross Income ^{6/}	thous. dols.	3,270	3,368	3,345	3,421	3,139	3,305

1/ Balance sheet estimates by State: the sum of inventory January 1, 2000, calf crop, and in-shipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, 2001. 2/ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State. 3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. 4/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for in-shipments. 5/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and inter-farm sales within the State. 6/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. 7/ Estimates cover the 12 month period from Dec. 1 the previous year through Nov. 30.

POULTRY PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, 2001-2005 ^{1/}

	Unit	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Eggs						
Eggs Produced	million	766	734	744	761	823
Price Per Dozen ^{2/}	cents	96.1	98.8	118.0	110.0	98.3
Value of Production	thous. dols.	61,344	60,433	73,160	69,703	67,421
Commercial Broilers ^{3/}						
Number Raised	thous. head	271,500	265,500	265,100	263,000	260,000
Pounds Produced	thous. lbs.	1,330,400	1,301,000	1,299,000	1,341,300	1,326,000
Price Per Pound ^{4/}	cents	39.0	30.0	34.0	44.0	43.0
Value of Production ^{5/}	thous. dols.	518,856	390,300	441,660	590,172	570,180
Turkeys						
Number Raised ^{6/}	thous. head	24,000	20,000	23,000	19,700	21,000
Pounds Produced	thous. lbs.	530,400	446,000	492,200	435,370	527,100
Price Per Pound ^{7/}	cents	39.0	37.0	36.0	42.0	46.0
Value of Production ^{5/}	thous. dols.	206,856	165,020	177,192	182,855	242,466
Chickens ^{8/}						
Number Sold	thous. head	2,943	3,037	3,497	3,403	3,441
Pounds Sold	thous. lbs.	20,012	18,526	21,681	21,099	20,990
Price Per Pound	cents	7.5	6.2	7.2	6.3	7.4
Value of Production ^{5/}	thous. dols.	1,501	1,149	1,561	1,329	1,553

1/ Annual estimates cover the period from Dec. 1 the previous year through Nov. 30.
2/ Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.
3/ Broiler production including other domestic meat-type breeds.
4/ Price per pound-Liveweight equivalent prices, derived from ready-to-cook (RTC) prices using the following formula;
RTC price minus processing cost X (dressing percentage) = Liveweight equivalent price.
5/ Includes home consumption.
6/ Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1, previous year through August 31, current year. Excludes young turkeys lost.
7/ Prices are equivalent liveweight returns to producers.
8/ Estimates cover the 12 month period from Dec. 1, the previous year through Nov. 30 and excludes broilers.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, 2000-2005

	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Milk Cows on Farms ^{1/}							
	thous.	120	118	119	113	105	105
Milk Production ^{2/}							
Milk Per Cow	lbs.	15,833	15,975	15,891	15,319	16,486	16,990
Milkfat Per Cow	lbs.	579	578	508	558	590	607
Total Milk	mil. lbs.	1,900	1,885	1,891	1,731	1,731	1,784
Total Milkfat	mil. lbs.	69.5	68.2	69.0	63.0	62.0	63.7
Milk Used Where Produced ^{2/}							
Fed to Calves	mil. lbs.	11	11	6	6	6	6
Milk, Cream & Butter	mil. lbs.	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Used on Farm	mil. lbs.	13	13	8	8	8	8
Milk Marketed by Producers ^{3/}							
Total Milk Marketings	mil. lbs.	1,887	1,872	1,883	1,723	1,723	1,776
Combined Price Per 100 lbs.	dols.	14.80	17.00	14.20	14.20	17.90	16.50
Cash Receipts	thous. dols.	279,276	318,240	267,386	244,666	308,417	293,040
Value of Milk Used							
Value of Milk Used Where Produced ^{4/}	thous. dols.	296	340	284	284	358	330
Gross Producer Income ^{5/}	thous. dols.	279,572	318,580	267,670	244,950	308,775	293,370
Value of Milk Produced ^{4/ 6/}	thous. dols.	281,200	320,450	268,522	245,802	309,849	294,360

1/ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.
3/ Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream.
Includes milk produced by dealer's own herds, and small amounts sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds.
4/ Valued at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream.
5/ Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption.
6/ Includes value of milk fed to calves.